

# Quote

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## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Gov THOS E DEWEY, N Y, returning from tour of Europe: "We are spending billions to save the people of Europe, and the Communists are spending millions on propaganda . . . It's a race between recovery for the benefit of the people and destruction by the Communists." 1-Q

*Pravda*, official Russian organ, commenting on unemployment in U S: "Capitalism is doomed; its life is nearing the end." 2-Q

JAS F BYRNES, former Sec'y of State: "There is danger that the individual—whether farmer, worker, mfr, lawyer, or doctor—will soon be an economic slave pulling an oar in the galley of the state." 3-Q

Sir HARTLEY SHAWCROSS, British Att'y-Gen'l: "Russia has nothing to fear from us, save the successful example of social democracy." 4-Q

Hon BROOKE CLAXTON, Canadian Min of Nat'l Defense: "In politics as in private life, promises are only as good as the people who make them." 5-Q

A DP official in N Y C: "Many displaced persons arriving in America believe there is nothing on beyond N Y C but plains and wilderness. One family refused an invitation to Indianapolis until assured there was no danger from Indians." (Quoted by CHAS GRUTZNER, N Y Times) 6-Q

CECIL B DEMILLE, motion picture producer: "Just as surely as Judas Iscariot betrayed his Master with a kiss, the American Stalinists are using American liberty to mock and destroy American liberty." 7-Q

Commuter on Long Island Ry, objecting to new tickets bearing passenger's photograph, vital statistics, serial number, to be worn clipped on clothing: "I won't wear any badge like that on my coat. It would look as tho I didn't know where I was going, or something." 8-Q

Dr ARTHUR H COMPTON, Chancellor, Washington Univ: "If we want to have peace and keep our freedom, we will see to it that we are strong not only in weapons but also in friends." 9-Q

V-Pres ALSEN W BARKLEY, refusing gloomy view of nation's economic outlook: "The best thing that can happen for the country, for all of us taken in the aggregate and allowing for some individual hardships, is to go thru the ultimate, inevitable readjustment necessary to bring about better-balanced relationships within the economy." 10-Q

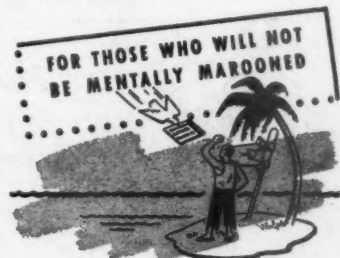
Mbr of Ohio Legislature, introducing bill to prohibit television in automobiles: "Think how awful it would be to be driving along the road watching a wrestling match or Toscanini, and suddenly crash into a load of hay." (Quoted by EARL WILSON, N Y Post Syndicate) 11-Q

GAYLE W ARNOLD, ass't director of production, Nat'l Security Resources Bd: "The U S would be much better off if it were building 15 new dispersed cities every yr, instead of adding their equivalent to the congestion that makes our big cities more attractive as targets for attack." 12-Q

Hon GEO DREW, Canadian Progressive Conservative leader: "There is one parade I would like to see and that is a parade of every Communist back to Russia." 13-Q

Dr HENRY M WRISTON, pres Brown Univ and American Ass'n of Universities, commenting on request of House Comm on Un-American Activities for list of text books used by schools and colleges: "For a political body to engage in excluding books from institutions would be little better than the book-burning exploits of the Nazis." 14-Q

DUKE of EDINBURGH, husband of PRINCESS ELIZABETH: "My generation, altho reasonably well schooled, is probably the worst educated of this age." 15-Q





#### AUTOMOBILES—Early\*—1

One of the 1st automobile accessories, featured by Packard in 1902, was a gun that squirted ammonia about 8 ft. Its purpose was to discourage dogs from chasing cars and taking nips at the tires which, in those days, were so thin and moved so slowly that they were in danger of being punctured by playful poodles. — MEE MORNINGSIDES, *True*.

#### AVIATION—2

The new bombers being ordered by the Air Force cost about \$1 million apiece, and from 40% to 50% of this cost goes into radio, radar and electronic equipment. — *Tele-Tech*.

#### BOREDOM—3

We are raising a generation that has a woefully small stock of ideas, interests and emotions. It must be amused at all costs but it has little skill in amusing itself. It pays some of its mbrs to do what the majority can no longer do for themselves. It is the inner poverty which makes for the worst kind of boredom. — Dr ROBT J McCracken, Riverside Church, N Y.

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#### BUSINESS—4

Francis Kaar, of the St Paul Ass'n of Commerce, last wk explained why his organization adopted a gold shovel stickpin as its business emblem for the yr. Said Kaar: "Either you dig your yourself some new business during '49, or you dig your own grave sitting around talking depression." — *Pathfinder*.

#### CAUTION—5

The Scots, a prudent race, have a saying that if you don't see bottom, you had better not wade. — BARNET NOVER, *Denver Post*.

#### CHILDREN—Guidance—6

When we turned to gardening during the war yrs, it did not occur to anyone to expect tomatoes and string beans to adjust to us. We learned about the conditions they needed for optimal productivity. Children's needs are no less insistent and if we put a fraction of our intelligence into creating the conditions and atmosphere they need for their soundest development, we could prevent no small proportion of the strains and problems about which we worry. — LOIS BARCLAY MURPHY, "Hazards of Civilization for Children," *AAUW Jnl*, Spring, '49.

#### CHURCH—Attendance—7

An old aunt of mine used to say: "Go to church, if only because you like the music." Any reason for going is a good beginning, for whatsoever you do enjoy in a church is an alleyway to the full experience. — "I Want to Go to Church," *Woman*, 5-'49.

#### COMMUNISM—8

A Moscow mag states that the influence of the Communist Party in the U S A is much stronger than its mbrship indicates. True. With the double standard, double talk and doublecross of our Communists, the party is twice as strong as its mbrship indicates. — *Plain Talk*.

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#### COURAGE—Bravery—9

In a British raid on New Haven, Conn, 170 yrs ago, Dr Naphthali Dagget,\* pres of Yale, was captured with a fowling piece in hand. Prodded by enemy bayonets, he repl'd to the question of whether he would fight again: "I rather believe I will, if I have an opportunity." Forced to pray for King Geo III, he complied: "Oh Lord, bless Thy servant, King Geo, and grant him wisdom, for Thou knowest, Oh Lord, he needs it." — *Schoyer's Vital Anniv's*.

#### DEFEAT—10

On the ceiling above the wrestling mats in Doremus gymnasium at Washington & Lee Univ is a sign which reads: "When you can read this, you're in trouble." — *U P*.

#### DEMOCRACY—11

Democracy is the art and science of running the circus from the monkey cage. — H L MENCKEN, *A Mencken Chrestomathy*. (Knopf)

#### DEPRESSION—12

One thing is certain: no 2 depressions or recoveries are ever alike. — ALLAN F HUSSEY, "This Readjustment Should Be Different," *Financial World*, 6-15-'49.

#### EMPLOYMENT—13

A multitude of constantly dissatisfied job-seekers could tell you that the best job is often the one nearest home. Or as someone has said: "Milk the nearest cow." — JOHN B SHEERIN, "On the Purpose of Life," *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*, 6-'49.

#### ETIQUETTE—14

I looked thru *Vogue's Book of Etiquette* and began wondering what the author, Millicent Fenwick, was like. How can any one person take upon herself to make so many rules of etiquette? I asked Mrs Fenwick that very question. "I didn't make the rules," Mrs Fenwick ans'd softly. "Millions of

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people made them by accepting as right or wrong certain standards of behavior."—BETSY BOURNE, *Family Circle*.

#### EXCUSE—15

Ins agents have an answer for almost any kind of argument but one met his match recently. He successfully battered down a farmer's sales resistance until he got to the subject of premium money. "I got my money buried out in the field," the farmer explained. "The ground's frozen. I couldn't dig down to it."

After the 1st thaw, the ins man drove back to the farm, but his prospect shook his head doggedly. "Nope, I couldn't dig now. The neighbors would see my tracks in the mud and know where I buried it."—*Spring Valley (Wis) Sun*.

A Prayer for the Fight  
Great Guide, I ask you still,  
Wherefore I?  
But if it be Thy will  
That I try,  
Trace my pathway among men,  
Show me how to strike, and  
when,  
Take me to the fight—and then  
Oh, be nigh!—ARTHUR CONAN  
DOYLE.\* 16

#### FRANCE—Communism—17

Paris is chuckling over a letter recently rec'd by Maurice Thorez from the husband of Mme Boulanger, a municipal councillor recently expelled from the Communist party. "Whereas," the letter reads, "my lawful wife has been expelled from the Communist party, and since I am wedded to the former and not the latter. And whereas, because of her exclusion no mbr of the party is permitted hereafter to have any contacts with her. And whereas, for this reason, I am forced either to resign from the party or divorce my wife. I, therefore, elect to quit the party and retain my wife, who, in the final analysis, is a better bargain than the party."—*France-Amerique*. (Kansas City Star translation)

#### FREEDOM—Price—18

Giuseppe Garibaldi,\* noted Italian soldier and patriot, challenged his soldiers thus: "What I have

to offer you is fatigue, danger, struggle and death; the chill of the cold night in the free air, and heat under the burning sun; no lodgings, no munitions, no provisions, but forced marches, dangerous watchposts, and the continual struggle with the bayonet against batteries; those who love freedom and their country may follow me."

#### HAPPINESS—19

Happiness is not an easy thing. You must be willing to work for it . . . to shape it for yourself. I think that is what Joshua Liebman meant when he said, "The human self is not a gift; it is an achievement. It is not a static reality, sprung full blown . . . Rather it is a painfully earned progress past lions in the way—a triumph over ogres, real and imaginary. The attainment of a self is a running battle, a continuing progress . . ." —MARY MARGARET MCBRIDE, "Handsome Is That Handsome Does," *Town & Country*, 6-49.

#### HISTORY—20

If we had a greater passion for history we would indulge in less hysteria. — DR ROBT E HOUSE, Chancellor, Univ of N C.

#### HOUSING—21

Of all the American young folk who have been married less than 1 yr, 21% are living with their parents, or otherwise lack their own "households." Of the wives in this group, 46% are working to help "piece out" their husband's pay.—*Journeyman Barber*.

#### KNOWLEDGE—Application—22

There was once a man who wanted to be a lion tamer. So he left his home and family and went to the public library. There he asked for the best book they had on the nature and habits of lions. He studied the book until he knew it by heart. He laid it down and went to the zoo. There, he climbed over the bars of the lion's cage and dropped in. The lion immediately ate him up.

The philosophers, deliberating on this circumstance, came to the unanimous conclusion that the trouble had been that, whereas the man had read the book, the lion had not.—SUMNER D CHARM, *Wage Policy for Mgt.* (Funk & Wagnall)

#### LIBERTY—23

Liberty is not only a private blessing; it is a vital spring of energy of the state itself.—EDMUND BURKE.\*



- July 3**  
1890—Idaho admitted to Union  
1908—d Joel Chandler Harris, American journalist, author "Uncle Remus"  
1920—d Wm C Gorgas, American sanitary engineer  
1937—d Amelia Earhart, American aviator, author
- July 4**  
1776—"Declaration of Independence adopted by Continental Congress  
1804—b Nathaniel Hawthorne, American author  
1807—b Giuseppe Garibaldi, Italian patriot  
1808—d Fisher Ames, American political writer, orator  
1826—b Stephen Foster, American composer  
1826—d John Adams, American statesman, diplomat  
1826—d Thos Jefferson, 3rd U S Pres  
1831—d Jas Monroe, 5th U S Pres  
1848—Cornerstone of Washington Monument laid  
1872—b Calvin Coolidge, 30th U S Pres  
1878—b Geo M Cohan, American playwright, comedian  
1894—"Oldest automobile now in existence was driven by inventor, Elwood Haynes, at 8 mi's per hr  
1934—d Marie Curie, Polish-French scientist, co-discoverer of radium  
1942—American pilots 1st participated in air raids over Germany  
1949—"Independence Day
- July 5**  
1779—"Dr Napthali Dagget, pres of Yale, captured in British raid  
1801—b David Farragut, 1st Admiral, U S Navy  
1804—b Geo Sand (Baroness Dudevant), French novelist  
1810—b P T Barnum, American circus showman  
1853—b Cecil J Rhodes, S African statesman, founder Rhodes scholarship fund
- July 6**  
1535—d Sir Thomas More, English statesman, canonized in 1935  
1747—b John Paul Jones, American naval hero  
1854—Republican party founded  
1860—b Dean Wm Inge, British divine  
1893—d Guy de Maupassant, French author
- July 7**  
1647—d Thos Hooker, Puritan clergyman  
1898—Hawaii annexed to U S  
1930—d Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, English novelist
- July 8**  
1822—d Percy Bysshe Shelley, English poet  
1836—b Jos Chamberlain, British statesman  
1838—b Ferdinand, Count von Zeppelin, German airship mfr  
1839—b John D Rockefeller, Sr, American capitalist, philanthropist  
1869—b Wm Vaughan Moody, American poet, playwright
- July 9**  
1797—"d Edmund Burke, British statesman, orator  
1819—b Elias Howe, American inventor of sewing machine  
1850—d Zachary Taylor, 12th U S Pres  
\*Relevant mat'l in current issue. See items thus marked.



**AGRICULTURE:** Moisture meter which shows when lawns or gardens are watered to proper depth consists of probe to push into soil and a flag which elevates when moisture has reached end of probe. Stainless steel spring, to push up flag, goes into action when water finally reaches it. (*Grit*)

**BANKING:** "Snorkel" Bank is latest development of drive-in banking. Customer stops car at curb "snorkel," a modification of the submarine device which resembles a mail box. When customer rings bell, a teller in the bank basement answers. By means of periscope and loudspeaker, the two can see and hear each other. Bank books and deposits go back and forth in electric dumbwaiter. (*McCall's*)

**FOOTWEAR:** Self-tying elastic shoelaces, which eliminate lacing and unlacing, available of nylon in red, white, and black. Will outlive sturdiest pair of shoes. Good for aged and physically handicapped and for children. (*Opportunity*)

**OFFICE APPLIANCES:** Developed in Germany during the war, new typewriter takes dictation by itself. Details are being kept secret by Army. (*G M Folks*, hm, Gen'l Motors)

**SILVERWARE:** To perk up worn and jaded silverware, new type of liquid polish banishes tarnish and adds coat of new silver to article. May be used on sterling, plate, also on copper or brass. (*Parade*)

**TELEVISION—Adv'g:** Billboard television is foreseen by leading outdoor adv'g firm. John Donnelly & Sons, of Boston, predict the day when video ads can be flashed on and off a whole series of road signs at once. (*Wall St Jnl*)

#### MAN—Dependence—24

Men are like sedatives. It is bad to become too dependent upon them. — FELICITAS VON REZNICEK, *Constanze*, Germany. (QUOTE translation)

#### MERCHANDISING—25

The size of your pkg, the mat'l it's made of, and the way it yanks open are almost as important as what it contains.—GEO BIVOUR, *Nashua Cavalier*, hm, Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Co.

#### OPTIMISM—26

A successful young exec said: "I have found that it pays to have a high expectancy of good. So many people expect the worst. Perhaps things do look black, but why expect a storm? Why not expect the sun to break thru? Why not expect the best to happen? There is something magnetic in the way one thinks."—*Democracy in Action*.

#### PERSONALITY—Traits—27

According to a recent psychological survey, the 10 most common traits (in order of their cursedness) for which people are disliked are: Being undependable, grouchiness, exaggeration, being a show-off, being sarcastic, feeling inferior, criticizing others, being bossy, poking fun behind people's backs and being domineering.—*Reformatory Pillar*.

#### PESSIMISM—28

A pessimist is a person who would commit suicide if he could do it without killing himself.—*Arkansas Baptist*.

#### PREJUDICE—29

Dr Chaim Weizmann, Pres of Israel, is reported to have been asked by an Englishman, "Why is it that all Jews are said to be usurers?" To emphasize the ignorance which the question revealed, Dr Weizmann repl'd, "Perhaps for the same reason that all Englishmen are said to be gentlemen."—CAROLINE K SIMON, "Cause and Cure of Discrimination," *N Y Times Mag*, 5-29-'49.

#### PREPAREDNESS—30

Human nature is the same on every side of the Atlantic and will be alike influenced by the same causes. The time to guard against corruption and tyranny is before they have gotten hold of us. It is

better to keep the wolf out of the fold than to trust to extracting his teeth and claws after he shall have entered.—THOS JEFFERSON.\*

#### PROGRESS—31

Once men spent time in caves; now they spend it in subways. That's what historians call progress.—*Banking*.

#### REACTIONISM—32

The terrible reactionaries have filled the land with Legislatures, town councils, a free press, orchestras, bands, radios, juke boxes and other noises. It has a full complement of stadiums, ball players and college yells. Furthermore, they have sprinkled the country with churches, lab's, built thousands of schools and a thousand inst's of higher learning.—HERBERT HOOVER, in '47 address at Princeton, *Addresses Upon the American Road*. (D Van Nostrand)

#### RELIGION—33

Religion is tending to degenerate into a decent formula wherewith to embellish a comfortable life.—ALFRED N WHITEHEAD, *Science and the Modern World*. (Macmillan)

#### RETIREMENT—34

Retiring, in some respects, is the greatest challenge to your intelligence.—RAY GILES, *How to Retire and Enjoy It*. (Whittlesey)

#### SECURITY—Nat'l—35

FBI men report that 1 out of every 10 applicants for Atomic Energy Commission jobs has a disloyalty or police record. That's significant, they think. For other Gov't agency applicants, the ratio is only 1 of 20.—*Omaha World Herald*.

Commenting on Communists in our atomic research lab's, Harry Hershfield recently observed: "I'd rather trust a rabbit to deliver a lettuce leaf."

#### SOCIALISM—36

The notion that the American people can safely advance just a few steps into Socialism is as naive as to suppose one can safely walk just a few steps into the path of a tornado. Socialism, on a small or large scale, creates conditions that necessitate more socialism. It so quickly unbalances a free economy that each step re-



quires another to offset the inequation. — "A 'Little' Socialism?" *Litchfield (Conn) Voters' Club Bulletin*, 5-49.

#### SOCIETY—37

In Ruanda-Urundi, deep in the heart of Africa, your social status is determined not by who your ancestors were, or how much money you have, or what kind of a house you live in. If you have 1 cow, you're in the swim. If you have 20, you're probably the social sachem of your village.—*American Wkly.*

#### SUPERSTITION—38

Swimmers in the 14th century wore special cramp rings which they thought would ward off stomach cramps.—*Times-Picayune New Orleans States.*

#### TELEVISION—39

A recent survey indicates that television is drawing from the nation's box offices an average of \$235,000 a wk.—*Newsweek.*

#### TEXTILE—Mfr—40

To show how fast a suit of clothes can be made, a record-breaking demonstration was given not long ago, by a textile co in

Huddersfield, England. Before a select group of spectators, employees sheared 12 sheep, processed and spun the wool into yarn, wove the yarn into tweed fabric, cut and sewed the cloth into a suit and had a man wearing it in just 130 min's!—*Teller*, hm, *Lima City Loan Co.*

#### THOUGHT—42

Few people think more than 2 or 3 times a yr. I have made an internat'l reputation by thinking once or twice a wk.—*GEO BERNARD SHAW, Sixteen Self Sketches.* (Longmans)

#### TOLERANCE—Progress—43

Today's college generation is moving rapidly toward a new outlook on the color question; this is one of the most encouraging signs in contemporary America.—*Christian Century.*

#### VOCATION—44

Some people are so busy learning the tricks of the trade that they don't learn the trade.—*Fifth Wheel*, hm, *Ind Motor Truck Ass'n.*

#### WAR—45

WAR spelled backwards means that everybody gets a RAW deal.—*HENRY VANCE, Birmingham News-Age-Herald.*

#### WOMEN—Economy—46

Let's present both sides: Strangely enough the little lady who thinks nothing of paying \$37.50 for a hat made up of a tuft of cloth and a dyed turkey feather can also take a chicken wing and make a chicken salad that will feed a family of 6.—*Christian Science Monitor.*

#### WORK—47

Consider the mosquito as an example. He rarely gets a slap on the back until he goes to work.—*Fla Times-Union.*

#### WORRY—48

Now psychologists think they have found what professional people worry about. At the age of 26, they say, the principal worry is about making a good impression on people, at 30 about job security and economic problems, at 38 about health, and at 41 about politics. At 42 marital troubles are to the fore, and by 45 professional men and women concentrate on



#### "My Country . . ."

That which distinguishes the Fourth of July\* from all other days is that then both orators and artillerymen shoot blank cartridges.—*JOHN BURROUGHS.* (July 4, 1859)

" " There is no limit to the noble aspirations which the words "my country" may evoke.—*Dean W R INGE,\* in Wit and Wisdom of Dean Inge*, by *MARCHANT.* (Longmans)

" " *Let independence be our boast, Ever mindful what it cost; Ever grateful for the prize, Let its altar reach the skies!* —*JOS HOPKINSIN, Hall, Columbia.*

" " Patriotism is a kind of religion; it is the egg from which wars are hatched. — *GUY DE MAUPASSANT,\* My Uncle Sotheus.* (Pearson)

" " Is patriotism a narrow affection for the spot where a man was born? Are the very clods where we tread entitled to this ardent preference because they are greener? This is not the character of the virtue, and it soars higher for its object. It is an extended self-love, mingling with all the enjoyments of life, and twisting itself with the minutest filaments of the heart. In (the laws of society) we see not the array of force and terror, but the venerable image of our country's honor. Every good citizen makes that honor his own and cherishes it not only as precious, but as sacred. He is willing to risk his life in its defense, and is conscious that he gains protection while he gives it.—*FISHER AMES.\**

----- worrying about giving up lifelong ambitions. After that, health again becomes the chief preoccupation.—*Nat'l Parent-Teacher.*

#### "Independence Forever"

As the country prepared to celebrate its 50th Fourth of July in 1826, 2 old men lay dying in Va and Mass.

At Monticello, Jefferson\* whispered that he hoped to see that last Fourth. He was 83 then, and saved his strength with all his great wisdom. Northward, John Adams,\* a few mo's short of 91, was making the same silent fight.

On the Fourth, at 12:50 p m, within the same hr that half a century before the Declaration had been put forth, Jefferson died. At 4 p m, in old Braintree, now Quincy, Mass, Adams followed him, and his last coherent words might be the one epitaph for 56 men (signers of the Declaration of Independence). They'd asked the old man for a suitable toast, and he said, "Independence forever!" — *HENRY LEE, "Their Lives, Their Fortunes and Their Sacred Honor," Pageant*, 7-49. 41

# GOOD STORIES

## You Can Use

When the acting profession wanted to give a testimonial dinner to Chas Gilpin for his performance in *Emperor Jones*, many objected but John Barrymore was one to vote in favor. Was he, then, not affected by the color question, the dissidents asked.

"Why, no," said Barrymore. "I have seen the performance 3 times and the experience has rendered me color blind."

He was then asked to suggest a formula which would relieve less broad-minded guests of all possible embarrassment.

"That's easy," said Barrymore. "Why don't we all black up?"—*People's World*. a

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*People look shorter when they sit down these days . . . they're sitting on flat wallets.*—JIMMY DURANTE, film comedian.

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Jr had one of his bad days. He started by introducing the cat to the canary. Next, he upset the bowl of goldfish, twisted a knob off the radio, took grand-dad's watch to pieces to see what made it tick, and spilled ink over the carpet.

"The little wretch," his mother said when she was told. "I'll punish him for that. Now he shan't go to Sunday School!"—*Labor*. b

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*Strange that men call money "dough." Dough sticks to your fingers.*—*Waterbury American*.

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An old Negro man barely escaped being run over by a cross-eyed motorist. Stepping backward, he asked the driver: "Is you gwine where you ain't looking, or is you looking where you ain't gwine, which?"—A G SMITH, *Baptist Observer*. c

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Brief excerpt from a letter written by the wife of an instructor in English at the Univ of Chicago: "The laundry in our new bldg has 2 Bendices."—*New Yorker*. d

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The title of David Niven's British film, *The Elusive Pimpernel*, ran into trouble in America because the censor wanted some

### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

MILDRED MILLER

Columnist, *Cincinnati Enquirer*

A friend has been trying for yrs to break himself of an embarrassing habit he has of putting his foot in his mouth. One of the most recent performances of his feat occurred at a social event. He had it all figured out that a complimentary expression to use on any woman on that hot night was to tell her how cool she looked.

His 1st opportunity came when a woman of his acquaintance walked toward him. But instead of saying, "How cool you look," he blurted: "You don't look so hot!"

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other word for "Pimpernel." He said it sounded too much like a skin disease for American audiences.—*Daily Express*. (London) e

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As the speaker of the evening sat down, he coughed. His upper plate fell to the floor and broke. A guest at his side realized the man's plight, dug into his pocket and came up with a set. The speaker-to-be tried them, but they were too big. The helpful guest supplied another set. They were too small. The 3rd set fit.

The speaker got along perfectly with the borrowed teeth, and as he sat down, ret'd them with thanks.

"By the way," he said, "are you a dentist?"

The helpful guest shook his head. "No. An undertaker."—*Philadelphia Bulletin*. f

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*Clothes line: Where new mothers usually hang out.*—*Pathfinder*.

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An Egyptian ry inspector was responsible for an area that req'd him to spend a night regularly in 4 different towns. The inspector solved the problem of where to stay by marrying different women

in the 4 towns, each with her own dwelling. When his route finally was changed and a new town was added, he protested to the Min of Transportation. He said he now would be required to divorce one of his wives and marry a new one, inasmuch as Islam permits a man to have only 4 wives.

The Ministry saw the reasonableness of his argument and restored him to his old route.—*Current History*. g

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*Sign on a LaBrea bowling alley: "Rita's got her Aly. Come in and pick yours."*—HERB STEIN, Hollywood Reporter.

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The man at the police clerk's desk wanted some help in serving a warrant. "What does the man look like?" queried the clerk. "Does he have a moustache?" "Don't know," was the answer. "If he does, he keeps it shaved off."—*Rocky Mountain News*. h

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*Altho some of last yr's cars looked like they were smelling for something, durned if some of the new models don't give you the impression they found it.*—Gilcrafter, hm, Gilbert Paper Co.

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From Simon & Schuster came the best laugh of the American Booksellers' Conv. They are featuring a book, called *How to Live Within Your Income*. Someone in their booth began analyzing costs of the book and discovered they're losing 8¢ a copy on it!—BENNETT CERF, *Sat Review of Literature*. i

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The late Geo M Cohan\* must have been the original inspiration for the expression, "Let Geo do it."

A well-known British theatrical producer, visiting the rehearsal of one of Cohan's plays, asked who wrote it.

"I did," Cohan repl'd.

"Who wrote the songs?"

"I did," came the calm rejoinder.

"Well," persisted the visitor, "who's producing it?"

"I am."

"Who is going to play in it?"

"I'm going to star in it."

"I suppose," remarked the visitor wearily, "you are also going to paint the scenery?"

"Oh, no, I can't do that," Cohan repl'd. Then he grinned sheepishly. "My father will do that."—*Wall St Jnl.* J

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Harry Carey, Jr, is following in his late father's footsteps as a Hollywood actor. I once told Harry, Sr, that Jr was a chip off the old block, but old Harry roared: "You mean, he is a slice off the old ham!"—*ERSKINE JOHN-SON, Photoplay.* K

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*Taking bending exercises is a modern form of stooping to conquer.*—Banking.

#### Fact and Fancy

In '39 a WPA mural entitled "Declaration of Independence" —1776" was hung in the county bd of supervisors' chambers in Los Angeles. It showed Washington, Jefferson and other Revolutionary heroes. Seven yrs later, someone pointed out that Washington was not present at the declaration, so a few wks ago the supervisors got around to changing the title to "Constitutional Conv — 1787." Now someone has pointed out that Jefferson was in Paris during the conv.—*PHILIP S PEPE, Jnl of Business Education.* I

*If adv'g can be accused of making people live beyond their means, so does matrimony.*—*BRUCE BARTON, author.*

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A South American gentleman and his son were visiting the Tulane campus. One of the prof's was showing them around, because the son wanted to enroll in one of the colleges next fall. After the pair had thoroughly inspected each of the bldgs on the campus, the father, deeply impressed by the tour, wanted to praise the

work of the univ by saying what a splendid intellectual institution it was.

However, the visitor hadn't been in the country long and his English needed some polishing. So hesitating briefly, he fumbled for a word that would mean scholarly or learned. Finally he turned to the prof-guide. "My!" he beamed. "Tulane certainly is a great mental institution."—*JOHN LAMNE, Times-Picayune New Orleans States Magazine* M

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*Anyone who thinks by the inch and talks by the yard should be moved by the foot.*—*Friendly Printer.*

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A Montrealer and a party were having dinner at Chez-Pierre. At the table next to them were several American tourists who were loud and annoying. They seemed to take particular delight in the French language menu. For half an hr or so they threw the names of the dishes back and forth at each other in rather original pronunciations. At length the Montrealers finished their meal. As they were leaving one of them stepped over to the visitors' table. "Excuse me," he said, "but we're strangers in town. Could you direct us to the English Quarter?"—*Montrealer. (Canada)* N

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Mrs Jones was helping her neighbor with the wkly wash. She noticed that all the unsightly pieces were being put into a separate basket. The neighbor was hanging the clothes for her, so when the line was full, Mrs Jones handed her the basket of "tell-tale grey's" and ragged stuff and said, "I always hang these things on Mrs Hubert's line. I wouldn't want anyone to think they belonged to me." — *Rocky Mountain Empire Magazine.* O

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A man was killed by a train near a country village, and an inquest was held.

The jury consisted of villagers unused to such proceedings, and the coroner, wishing to be helpful, advised them to bring in a ver-

#### Weather or no . . .

An act of high treason (west coast brand) was committed by a house organ published for the staff of the printing plant of the Univ of Calif Press when it carried a letter from employees complaining that there was no room in their lockers for raincoats.—*Pleasures of Publishing, hm, Columbia Univ Press.*

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Gov Warren of Fla has chosen a Calif socialite to be his bride. If the weather men of the 2 states have anything to do with it, their 1st heir will be a bright son.—*A G WEEMS, Memphis Commercial-Appeal.* P

dict of "felo-de-se" (Latin for "suicide"). Having retired to consider their verdict, some argument arose among the jury as to what the coroner meant. The foreman soon settled the difficulty.

"This coroner chap," he explained, "knows what he's talking about. He's had these jobs before. If he says the man fell in the sea, he fell in the sea."

A few min's later the jury filed back into court, and the foreman announced the verdict, "Found drowned."—*Tit-Bits. (London)* Q

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*When money is found growing on trees there's usually some grafting going on.*—*Pipe-fuls.*

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When Henry Fonda was on location in Mexico a few yrs ago, he asked an Indian why he rode a burro and allowed his squaw to walk.

"Because," came the forthright reply, "she doesn't have a burro." —*Practical English Scholastics.* R

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*A moderate income is one which comes within a moderate distance of covering moderate expenses.*—*Boston Globe.*

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England's professional classes still enjoy poking a bit of quiet fun at the Labor Gov't. Last wk *The Lancet*, British medical jnl, told of a doctor who, befuddled by filling out endless Nat'l Health forms, wrote: "This patient requires a hernia for his truss." S



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## THE MAGAZINES

**Their Lives, Their Fortunes and Their Sacred Honor—HENRY LEE, Pageant, 7-49.**

In 13 scattered Colonies, the Signers (of the Declaration of Independence\*) were fighting, fleeing, working for their cause like men possessed. Even to travel horseback to Congressional sittings was hazardous sport. Not only enemy patrols but renegade bands of Tory "cow boys" and plain murderers and robbers infested the lonely pikes and forests . . .

Sick and hale, young and old, Yankee, Southerner, rich man, poor man, there were 56 of them and they were as motley as their dozen different occupations, their birthplaces that ranged thru 11 of the Colonies and England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland . . .

It would not be accurate history to say that every Signer was a stern and lofty man who never

smiled, who never loved life after putting name to the immortal documents. They joked, they drank, they had their eccentricities, but somehow this seems to touch up their humanity without taking from their immortality.

John Hancock loved rich attire, delighted in cards, music, dancing, concerts and the best of wines. Yet he is also the man who said sincerely, when the razing of Boston was under consideration by the Americans: "Burn Boston, and make John Hancock a beggar!"

Scotch-born Dr John Witherspoon "excited much noise and att'n" thru the Colonies by his 2nd marriage. But when, in a critical last-min debate, another delegate objected that the Colonies were not "ripe" for Independence, it was Witherspoon who stiffened Congress' spine with "In my judgment, sir, we are not only ripe but rotting."

On July 4, 1776, a small group of men meeting at Philadelphia, signed a declaration of principles which in effect created a new country, the U S A. The signers of the Declaration of Independence were men of high intellect and vision and possessed the courage of their convictions. More than anything else, they were confident men, confident that what they had done was right and just in the eyes of God and their fellow men. They were confident that they themselves possessed the resoluteness necessary to implement and translate into practical application those basic principles which they had enunciated in the Charter. The glorious results of that confidence are today a matter of history.—*Roebling*, hm, John A Roebling's Sons.



Under the direction of HENRY LEE MUNSON, a study of European beliefs regarding the U S has just been completed by the Common Council for American Unity. This excerpt is from a brief summary of the survey in Common Ground.

The free countries of Europe look to the U S for leadership . . . Nevertheless, Europeans have serious doubts as to America's ability to carry out this leadership . . .

A 2nd source of Europe's doubt is the 2-fold conception that Amer-

icans are "too materialistic," and that "Big Business" dominates American nat'l policy . . .

A majority were reported to believe the U S gov't effectively protects the rights and freedoms guaranteed the individual. Substantial minorities, however, believe the U S gov't is politically corrupt and controls all state and local officials and activities . . .

Half the people of the ERP countries believe most Americans are too materialistic. Two out of 5 believe we persecute, or at least discriminate against, the Negro, and almost 1/3 of the people feel Americans are uncultured. More than 1/2, however, believe Americans are as generous as they can afford to be . . .

Many believe Americans have no family ties and that divorce is very frequent and moral standards low. They believe material things such as refrigerators, automobiles, and radios have for Americans become an end in themselves. Others believe that our opinions are formed *en masse* by radio, movies, and advertising, and that we are a gangster-ridden, superficial people with no spiritual values.



